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## COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 5000.6

Subj: United Services Organization (USO)

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Instruction is to provide information regarding the support which can be given to the USO by uniformed officials.
2. BACKGROUND.
  - a. Since 1941, USO has served the morale and welfare of the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. It has also provided an important communicative link between the Armed Forces and the civilian communities worldwide.
  - b. USO program categories of service are designed to be broad enough to articulate USO's mission to the general public as well as funding resources. The five major program categories with representative objectives and activities are:
    - (1) Airport Centers
    - (2) Fleet Centers
    - (3) Family and Community Centers
    - (4) Orientation and Interculture Program
    - (5) Celebrity Entertainment.
3. DISCUSSION. In recognition of these positive benefits, the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Defense have maintained a close relationship with and supported the efforts of the USO. Previously,

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3. (cont'd) policy has encouraged the use of DoD resources to support USO activities logistically, but it has prohibited participation in fund raising activities. In the past, this policy has been interpreted to restrict attendance at USO fund raising events in an official capacity.
4. PROCEDURE. Effective immediately, Coast Guard officials are authorized to endorse the USO publicly and factually for the beneficial work it does in supporting the military community, and to attend USO fund raising events in an official capacity.
5. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, unit commanding officers and Commander, CG Activities Europe shall comply with this Instruction.

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